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**New Terrorist Group Dismantled in Porto Alegre**

On October 26, 1970, Col. Jayme Miranda Mariath, Secretary of Security of the State of Rio Grande do Sul, announced that a heretofore unknown group of subversives belonging to the "Ala Vermelha" of the Brazilian communist party was discovered and its members arrested in Porto Alegre. Those arrested, nine in total, range in age from 19 to 27, and were discovered with various paraphernalia which linked them to terrorist activities. This equipment included type-writers, duplicating machines, machine guns, pistols, grenades, US\$ 27,000.00 in cash and Cr\$ 50,000.00.

This group apparently had formerly worked in close coordination with the VFR and the Valpazares groups but has recently been operating on its own. They have been charged with carrying out a number of assaults on financial establishments in this area, including the recent robbery of the central offices of the S/A Moirhos Riograndenses, during which they escaped with more than Cr\$ 25,000.00. It was not revealed whether or not this group had carried out or planned to carry out any terrorist actions involving either the diplomatic community or Brazilian officials.

**COMMENT:**

While the situation in RGS continues calm on the surface, the various subversive groups here from time to time make their presence known. Lately, they have confined their activities to infrequent assaults on minor branches of the banks and small commercial establishments. In fact, the local security forces have encountered a great deal of difficulty in distinguishing genuine terrorist actions from common criminal activities. In the recent attack on SANEIC, however, the terrorists left pamphlets attacking the government in the normal "revolutionary" style.

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Amembassy RIO COMMENT:

The Ala Vermelha, while apparently appearing for the first time in Rio Grande do Sul, is well known in the Rio and São Paulo areas. It forms a part of the Communist Party of Brazil (Chinese line orientation) and not of the official Brazilian Communist Party (Soviet orientation).

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